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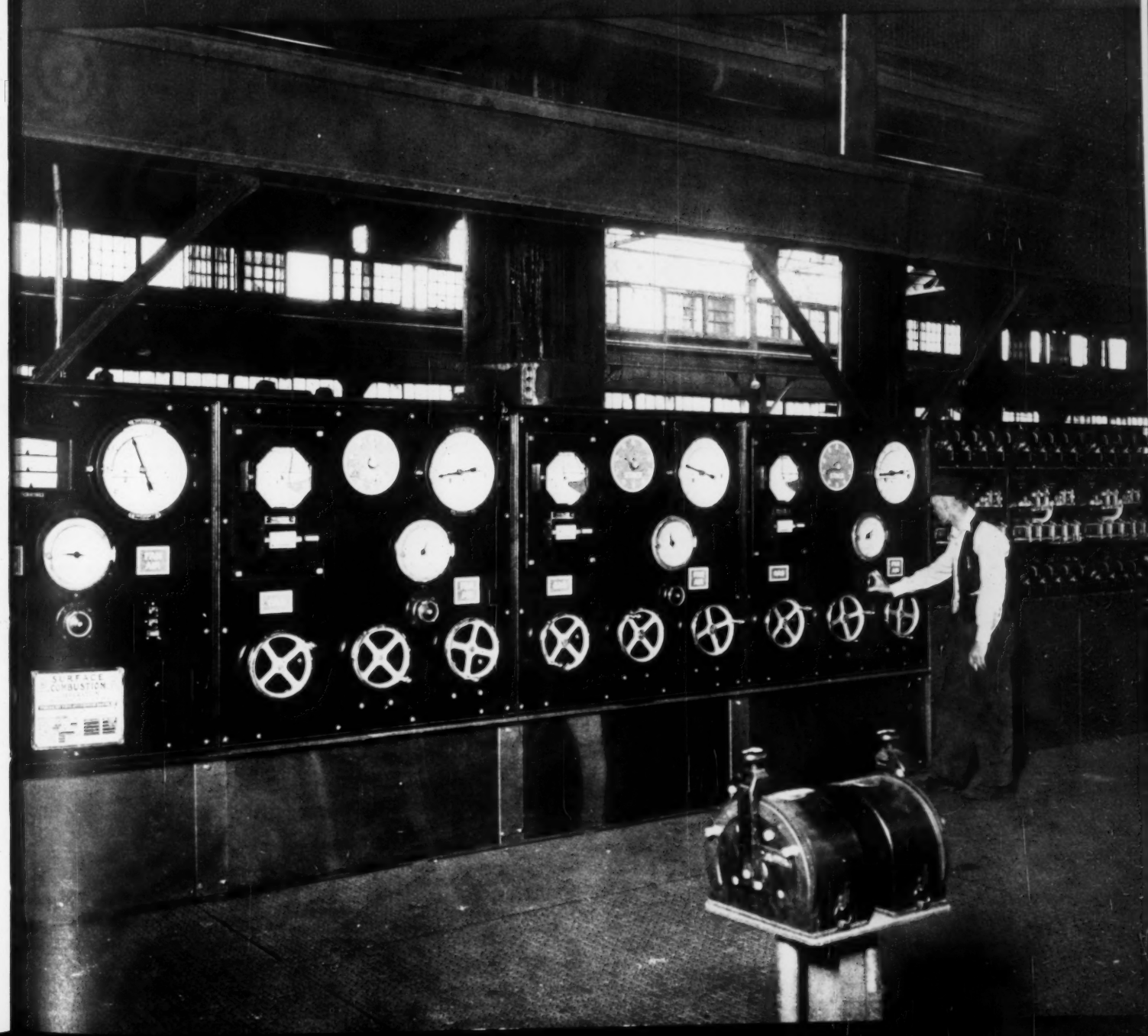

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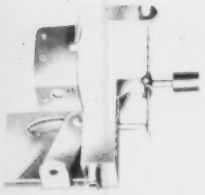

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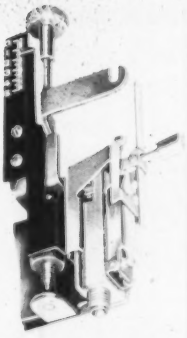

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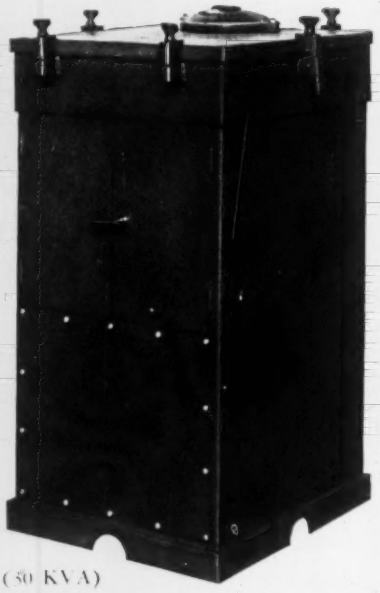

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IN THIS ISSUE

So rapidly does the Ford Motor Co. expand and modernize that by the time a magazine is able to publish detailed descriptions of installations, new units are being added. For example, when Power Superintendent W. W. Dulmage began his articles on the famous No. 1 Power Plant, in our May issue, the total capacity was 235,000 kw. and the simplified layout drawn a month ago and published in our June issue was accurate; but Mr. Dulmage now starts his third article by saying that installation of another 110,000 kw. unit will be begun when this issue of *Instruments* goes to press! Somewhat breath-taking.

Last month Professor Williams began his treatment of the diamond pyramid indenter method (of measuring hardness) by discussing the method itself. Now he describes its embodiments.

Again we are impelled to remark that the instrument industry brings out more new devices during depressions than in good times: forty-odd new products — including some which are not instruments but belong in columns dedicated to the information of instrument *users*. These columns are on pages 174-181 *and* 187-189; the items are more or less in order of length, and we hope you like this make-up.

THE FRONT COVER

shows an installation of Askania Regulator Co. control equipment for soaking pits at the National Tube Co., McKeesport, Pa. The pits were built by Ansler-Morton Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

INSTRUMENTATION MAKES JOBS

INSTRUMENTATION makes jobs by making possible the creation of new industries which would not even have been launched without it. Example, the refining of crude oil into numerous products, each with chemical and physical properties exquisitely balanced and accurately controlled to meet specifications unheard of before this era of instrumentation. Example, the manufacture of modern long-mileage tires which would be impracticable without automatic temperature and pressure time cycles automatically coordinated.

Instrumentation makes jobs by expanding industries whose growth depends upon the existence of instrument-created industries. Example, the modern automobile industry: Take away the instrument-made high-power knockless gasolines that sell for 10 or 12 cents (plus taxes) a gallon; take away the instrument-made tires that give 20,000 miles of good service; take away the instrument-made alloys, and so few cars would be sold that hundreds of thousands of auto workers would be laid off.

Instrumentation makes jobs by expanding industries whose growth depends upon ability to reduce prices of products in order to win the mass markets. Examples, the already-cited oil, tire and automotive industries; other examples (under "R" only), radio, rayon and refrigerators.

Instrumentation makes jobs in America by creating new domestic industries of three types: (1) New industries which largely or entirely supplant competitive imports. Example, rayon plants employing 50,000 wage-earners receiving $50,000,000 a year and selling their $180,000,000 yearly output to 4000 mills employing hundreds of thousands of Americans. (2) New industries which absorb the surplus products of our fields and forests and create demands for new crops. Examples, some of the plastics and other chemical industries. (3) New industries which tend to relieve our dependence on strategic and critical materials such as tin, tungsten, sisal and jute. Take instruments away from rayon plants and mills, and we Liberty-worshippers would support more worshippers of the Emperor-God. Take instruments away from the new industries of the second group and our crops would be at the mercy of world prices. Take instruments away from the third group and our State Department would have to accept terms laid down by some gangster nations.

Yes, Instrumentation makes millions of jobs in thousands of not-so-apparent ways.

THE MONTH'S NEW INSTRUMENTS

Ratio Meter

Directly indicating the ratio of two (d.c.) currents or voltages, this new instrument consists of a pair of extremely light crossed coils swinging on steel pivots in jewel bearings and moving in a straight-line magnetic field. Steel pivots are at a distance from magnetic field, and are magnetically shielded. Two horseshoe magnets placed end-to-end produce the straight-line flux across middle of assembly. Ratio Meter may be used with currents from 0.5 microamp. up to 1 or 5 amps. (depending on model) and from 0.1 millivolt to thousands of volts. *Sensitive Research Instrument Corp., 755 Bronx Blvd., New York City.*

In this department we strive to report each month ALL the new devices for measurement, inspection, testing, metering and automatic control—in the form of concise technical descriptions.

When writing to manufacturers directly, please mention this department as your source of information.

Or write to Information Section, Instruments Publishing Company.

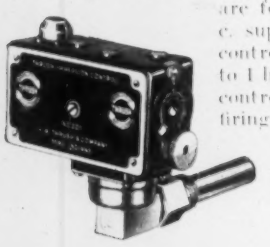
This department is in TWO Sections. Other items, just as important, though mostly longer, on pages 187-8-9.

Heavy-duty "Midget" Relays

New Heavy-duty Midget Relays are announced, rounding out maker's line of magnetic relays. These new relays are furnished with extra-large fine silver-to-silver contacts to provide a maximum contact rating of 10 amps. up to 125 volts a.c., 10 amps. up to 22 volts d.c., or 2 amps. from 23 to 125 volts d.c. They are available only with single-pole, double-break, normally-open contacts. Their construction otherwise and coil data are the same as maker's "Bulletin 106" relays.—*Ward Leonard Electric Co., 38 South St., Mount Vernon, N. Y.*

Water Temperature Controller

Two new controllers are announced for warm-water heating systems: "No. 204" (vertical bulb stem) and "No. 205" (rear angle connection, illustrated). Both are for 110-volt a.c. supply and will control motors up to 1 h.p. They may control either the firing device of the heating system, or a water circulator. Working range 110-220° F., with setting point and differential adjustable from outside. *H. A. Thrush & Co., Peru, Indiana.*

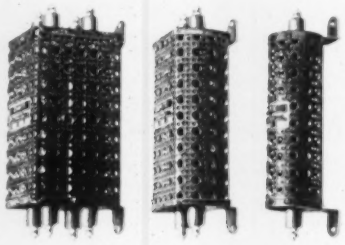


Projector-arc Rectifier

Designed to improve efficiency of all measuring and inspection instruments and machines using 6-mm. carbon arc lamps, new portable Rectifier No. 1072 converts 115-volt a.c. to 60-volt 5-amp. d.c., uses new Raytheon RX-207 tube for rectification and a built-in current-limiting transformer instead of wasteful external ballast resistors. Comes ready-to-use. *Raytheon Mfg. Co., 142 Willow St., Waltham, Mass.*

Cage Type Resistors

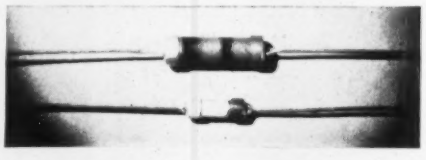
A new standardized series of ventilated cage type resistors is illustrated: for one, two or four resistors 1" diam. by 6⅝" long. Overall dimensions are



2⅞", 2 29/32", and 4¼" respectively, by 9 9/16" long; mounting centers are 8⅜". Cage resistors of different sizes and types are also available from maker.—*Ohmite Mfg. Co., 4835 W. Flournoy Street, Chicago, Illinois.*

Carbon Resistors

New series of carbon resistors, with leads in line with axis of body, have tinned copper wire and metal cap assembly rigidly attached to each end of the carbon unit. "Type X-1" rated from 1/10 to ½ watt, and "Type X-2" from ½ watt to 1 watt, are available in resistance values from a few ohms to several megohms. *Erie Resistor Corp., Erie, Penna.*

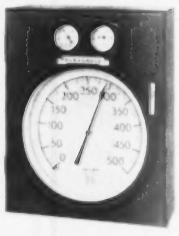


Control Valves

For use with maker's "Series 9" and "Series 100" controllers, for [illegible] air, oil, water (hot or cold), and most any gases, "Series 12" balanced [illegible] valves embody features including: roller guided top works insuring free valve movement; stem roller guided top and bottom, Nitralloy rollers and roller pins, double or single seat and renewable seat rings. Any type inner valve: (1) parabolic; (2) flat type with bevel seat; (3) V-port with bevel seat; (4) V-port, non seating. Sizes: ½" to 3" screwed ends; 1" to 12" flanged ends (any type). *A. W. Cash Co., Decatur, Ill.*

Pneumatic System For Pressure Telemetering

Remote pressure readings are said to be obtained quickly and accurately at distances up to 1000 ft. with new "Ashcroft Pneumatic Transmitting Duragauge." Pneumatic system is balanced air relay of non-bleed type said to minimize air consumption. Case is moisture-, fume- and dust-proof. Panel or flush mounting. Etched aluminum 10" dial. "Duragauge" Bourdon spring construction. Minimum 0-60 lbs. in.², maximum 0-10,000 lbs. in.². *Ashcroft Gauge Div., Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Bridgeport, Conn.*



"Ground-Ohmer"

New "Model JP Ground-Ohmer" for measuring ground resistance has same type of measuring system, same generator, etc., as "Model C" which it supersedes. Difference is size reduction, to 9" x 6" x 8" and weight reduction to about 13 lbs. Available in 5 different range combinations: 10 & 100 ohms, 10,100 & 1000 ohms, and 100, 1000 & 10,000 ohms; this last made up with or without the fourth terminal for [illegible] physical measurements. *Hermann H. Stieht & Co., 27 Park Place, New York City.*

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pH	2	4	6	8	10
Color	red	orange	yellow	green	blue

Is supplied in cartons of 100 strips or bottles of 1000 strips. *R. P. Cargille, 118 Liberty St., New York City.*

Pulsation Damper

A pressure-snubbing or gage-throttling device designated as "Gauge Saver" which damps severe pressure pulsations so that the gage pointer remains steady, saves wear on the gauge movement, is especially recommended for reciprocating pump or pipe line service. It also prevents corrosive material from getting into the Bourdon spring, and acts as a safety device in case overpressure should fracture the Bourdon spring as the bulb will collapse and prevent escape of pressure to the gauge. *Ashcroft American Gauge Div., Manning, Maxwell & Moore, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn.*

Motor Thermostat

For use in fractional horsepower motors, new "Klixon" overheat protection thermostat is said to be one of simplest motor-protection units made, contains no magnets, springs, or toggles, consists of a small thermostatic bimetal disk placed next to a heater wire. Contacts, welded to the disk, provide positive action. Thermostat interferes with motor's work only when overheating is a definite danger. In operation, it follows closely the heat rise in the motor windings, compensates automatically for varying ambient vs. load conditions. Applicable over complete range of single-phase a-c. fractional horsepower motors up to and including 1 h.p. 110 and 220 volts. Available with either manual or automatic reset. *The Spencer Thermostat Company, Attleboro, Mass.*

"Push-button Tuned" Signal Generator

"Push-button tuning" makes its appearance in testing-instrument field, being embodied in new model of this maker's signal generator, a survey having shown that 90% of radio receivers use only five i.f. frequencies. Four r.f. frequencies being provided in addition, it is claimed that "Model 582-A" permits aligning practically all radio sets, using push-buttons only. New model has also a manually-tuned band from 85 kc. to 15 Mc. on fundamentals and to above 60 Mc. on harmonics; is said to be "the only visual alignment system which automatically and instantly centers the carrier frequency, locks the horizontal sinusoidal sweep and synchronizes the vertical frequency modulated signal without the necessity for a single extra control."

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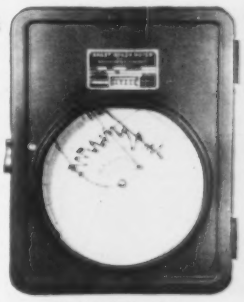
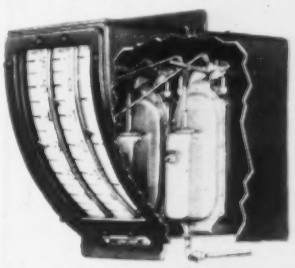
Boiler Meters Indicate, record and integrate Steam Flow from the boiler, record Air Flow supplied for combustion and record Flue Gas Temperature. The use of this meter reduces fuel cost, lessens maintenance and outage, lowers standby costs, and adds capacity.



Bailey Boiler Meter

Multi-Pointer Gages for indicating drafts, pressures, differentials are available with any number of pointers from one to twelve. They are actuated by sturdy yet sensitive diaphragm units.



Multi-Pointer Gage

Flow Meters. For indicating, recording and integrating the flow of steam, feed water, compressed air and other fluids.

Coal Meter

Granular Material Meters For accurately measuring the flow of coal or other granular materials in gravity chutes from overhead bunkers. The total quantity of granular material is shown on a large illuminated counter which may be easily read at a distance of 50 feet.

Control Systems. Make possible the everyday operation of equipment for steam generation and utilization at test efficiencies. They are applied to the control of combustion, feed water, superheat, desuperheat and other factors.

Complete Information on any of the above Bailey products will be gladly furnished upon request.

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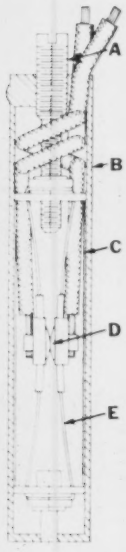
1041 Ivanhoe Rd., Cleveland, Ohio

Universal Tachometer

New model "Jagabi Universal" hand tachometer measures any speed from 30 to 40,000 r.p.m. with only three ranges, is said to be equivalent in speed coverage to six-range hand tachometers: for each range, pointer makes two turns around dial, covering a scale 13" long. Length of each range permits a wide variation in speed to be observed, such as from 300 to 4000 r.p.m., without stopping to change range. Instrument employs same centrifugal fly-ball governor principle as maker's "Type C", but has been redesigned to include ball-bearings, a knife-edge pointer, a rotating gear shift and other refinements; is supplied complete with carrying case and accessories. Two ratings are available: 30 to 40,000 r.p.m. and 25 to 30,000 r.p.m. *James G. Biddle Co., 1211 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.*

Electric-contact Type Temperature Control

Illustration shows, approx. two-thirds actual size, section of "Fenwal Cartridge Thermoswitch" said to represent an entirely new type of control device. Temperature-responsive element is outer tube *B* which encloses all working parts (insulated by *C*). Its movement relative to non-expanding parts *E* causes circuit to be closed or opened at silver contacts *D*, the differential being 0.1°F. Control point is set by means of screw *A* (or calibrated dial-and-knob in another model). Range is 0-400°F. and it is said that no damage results from exposure to 300°F. above control point, below maximum of 500°F. Model illustrated is for mounting on bracket or inserting through ⅝" hole; another has a ½" st'd pipe-thread collar for leak-proof installation; another is waterproofed for total submersion within controlled bath. *Fenwal Inc., 16 Maple St., Danvers, Mass.*



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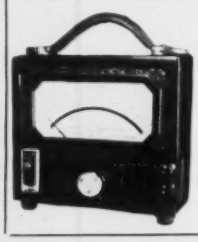

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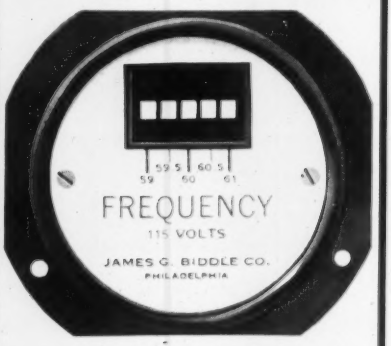

Because it has no pivots, jewels or rotating parts, and is independent of wave form, the Frahm Frequency Meter offers an exceedingly simple and reliable way to indicate power frequencies between 15 and 500 cycles per second. Miniature, switchboard and portable types are available. Write for descriptive Bulletin 1555-I.

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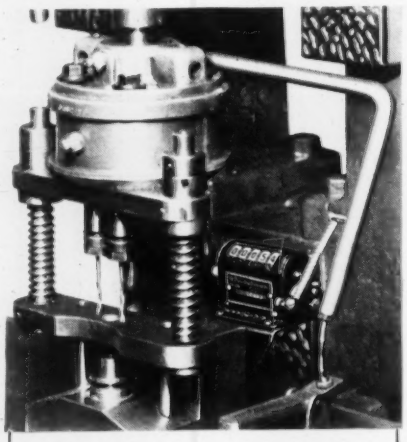

Check Production with Work Fixture Counters

Small parts production can be checked off with much time saved by having counters permanently attached to work fixtures. This fixture mounts on a drill press for drilling two holes in a pinion blank at one stroke. A *Productimeter* registers directly the number of blanks drilled.

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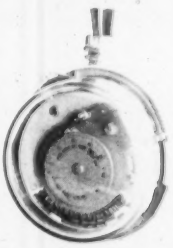

Photoelectric Exposure Meter

"Weston Junior" employs same type of stable Photronic Cell and sensitive instrument movement used in Weston "Universal" and "Cine" exposure meters. It has a circular cell-window on one side, designed to cover a uniform angle comparable to that of normal camera lens; on opposite side is a "full-vision" dial: user can take readings while keeping an eye on the scene. Light values are indicated by a pointer on lower scale which has 24 divisions, each corresponding to a difference of ½ an "f" stop. Above this scale is a knob-operated "calculator band" for rapid determination of all possible aperture-shutter combinations for any particular light value and film speed. Provision is made for 17 film speed ratings from 0.7 to 200 Weston. 17 aperture stops from *f*:2 to *f*:32, and 27 shutter speed settings from 60 sec. to 1/1000 sec. Range: at low end, *f*:2 and 1/5 sec.; at high end, the most brilliant beach and snow scenes do not require use of multipliers or adapters. *Weston Electrical Instrument Corp., 581 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark, N. J.*

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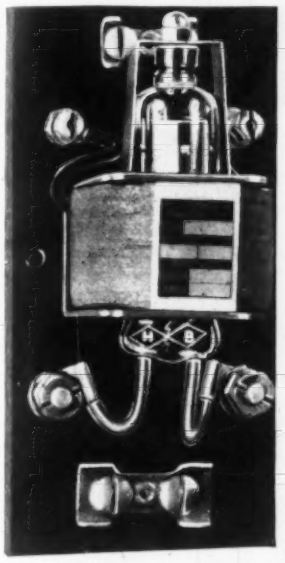

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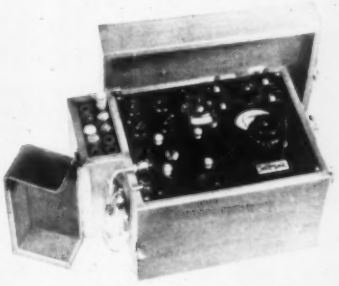

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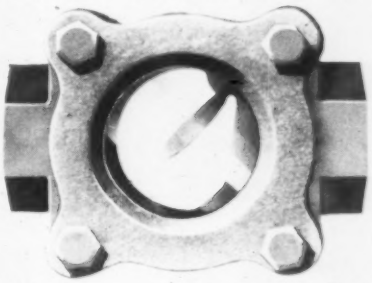

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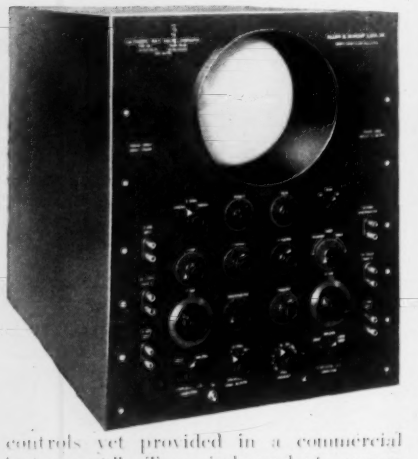

controls yet provided in a commercial instrument." Two independent power supplies, for C-R tube and for amplifiers and sweep circuit. Two identical amplifiers provide push-pull electrostatic deflection. Compensation makes for linear response of amplifier at extremely low frequencies and also well above a-f. range. A third amplifier modulates the grid of the C-R tube. Controls of wide-range linear sweep circuit are free from interaction. Amplifiers permit more than twice full-scale deflection before overload. Other features: single-trip, maximum wave expansion, return trace elimination, deflection with or without amplifiers, positioning and focusing controls, etc. *Allen B. Dumont Labs., 2 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J.*

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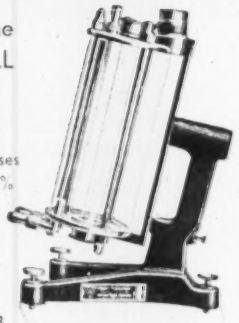

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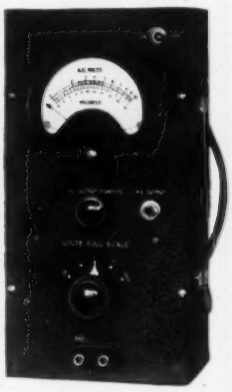

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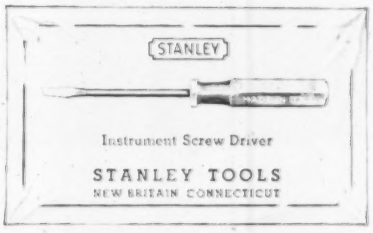

fishing reels, typewriters, radios, etc. Hexagon handle is of amber colored "Stanloid"; 1½" blade is of tempered steel, nickel-plated. *Stanley Tools, New Britain, Conn.*

Automotive Vehicle Speed Signal

"Speed Reminder" comprises a contact-making wind-vane installed on engine behind fan, a knob installed on dash-board, a rod connecting knob and adjusting-screw of contacting device, a bell, necessary wiring, etc. After installation, car or truck is driven at desired speed and knob turned until bell rings. It is claimed that "bell will then ring every time you reach this speed" and that device "is as accurate as your speedometer." Announcement does not mention what prevents bell ringing when motor is raced with vehicle at rest, nor what makes bell ring when vehicle exceeds speed coasting with engine idling. *Homestead Valve Mfg. Co., Coraopolis, Penna.*

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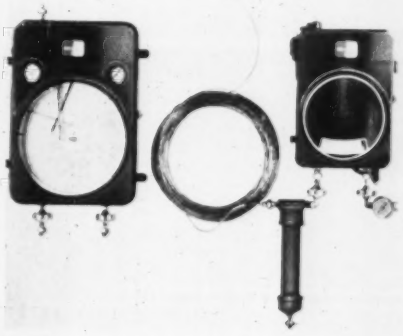

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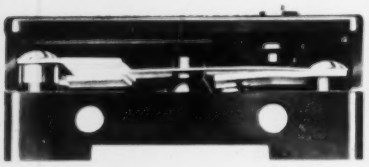

cuits at rating to 10 amp. at 110 volts a.c., 1,200-watt non-inductive load, ½-hp. inductive load. It is supplied as a single-pole, single-throw unit, normally open; as an s.p.s.t. unit, normally closed, and as an s.p.d.t. switch. Outside dimensions approx. 1½" long × ⅞" high × 11/16" wide. Mechanism is designed for quick break under pressures from 1 oz. to 3 lbs. (to customers' requirements) exerted on a small stud protruding through housing cover. Initial pressure on this stud builds up a pressure in a leaf spring, causes spring to snap contact open. Studs can be fitted with a leaf-spring operating arm and a plunger-type spring-operated mechanism. Contact spring is in a single piece assembled with the contact member. There are no hinges or other rubbing surfaces. Adjustments are permanently made at the factory. Mounting can be in any position. *Tele Deutschmann Corp., Canton, Mass.*

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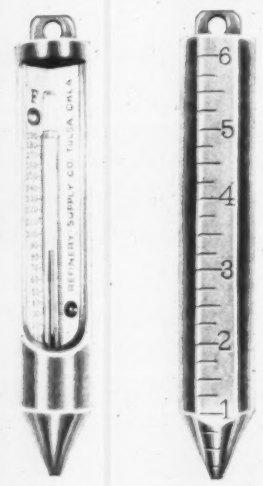

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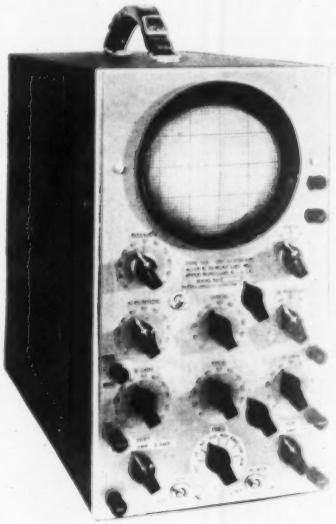
Two new solenoid control relays are designed to provide pump-free control without danger of overheating or otherwise injuring the solenoid coil or closing rectifier. "Type PB-63" and "Type 1304," for moderate and heavy duty respectively, are similar except for contact ratings. Solenoid closing coil circuit is de-energized at a definite point regardless of control switch contacts or other maintained-closed contacts. Overheating of solenoid coil is prevented even if closing contacts of control switch are kept too long in closed position. Relays have a main and an auxiliary element. Main element is instantaneous in drop-out and is provided with a pair of auxiliary normally-open contacts, which seal it in and thus assure operation in case control switch makes only momentary contact. Auxiliary element, a hinged armature relay with two pairs of contacts, is energized by a solenoid cut-off, or "52a" switch, operated by solenoid mechanism and closing at end of mechanism closing stroke. Winding of auxiliary element may remain continually connected without harm. *General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.*

Five-inch Oscillograph

Representing a modification and elaboration of "Type 168" (see *Instruments*, Oct. 1937, page 259) new "Type 171" five-inch cathode-ray oscillograph has



three additional controls, provides for a beam switch, grid amplifier, single-sweep feature, and symmetrical horizontal deflection. Single-sweep feature, for facilitating study of transients, controls linear sweep circuit so that it does not sweep until some form of tripping pulse is applied to grid of discharge tube. Grid modulation amplifier lends itself to television work. Return trace elimination signal has been brought to the front panel. *Allen B. DuMont Labs., 2 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J.*

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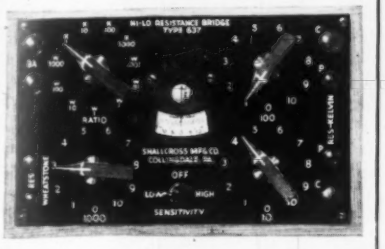

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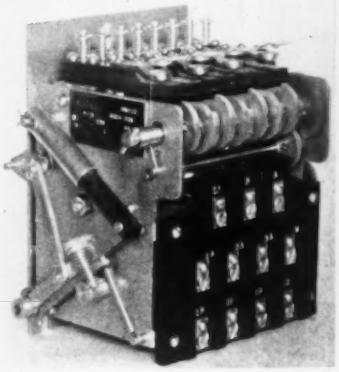
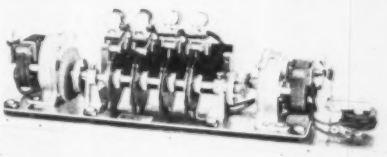


It is particularly suited for applications where a timing interval between the functioning of two or more contacts is required. It may be adjusted in the field to provide timing sequences with its clutch coil either (1) energized or (2) de-energized during the timing interval: (1) Starts timing when a control circuit is closed; in modified form, begins timing upon the momentary closure of control circuit and resets when the timing interval has expired. (2) Commences timing interval when control circuit is opened and resets when control circuit is closed. One, two or three pairs of contacts in a standard frame may be provided for controlling the same number of external circuits. Each contact is electrically independent of the others and is readily adjustable to operate according to cycles which are also independent except as to maximum duration. *Eagle Signal Corp., Moline, Ill.*

Cycle Controller

New "Model 635" time cycle controller utilizes varied speeds on its single camshaft, a principle said to have never been available previously in a commercial con-



troller. Otherwise it is generally similar to "Model 611" (*Instruments*, Jan. 1937, page 5; May 1937, page 127). Principal new feature is that motors with different speeds are placed at either end of camshaft and, utilizing speed reducers and overriding clutches at proper places on shaft, cycling operation is accelerated or slowed at any point desired in the cycle. Acceleration and deceleration, too, may be completely automatic, controlled by a mercury switch operated by one of the cams, or controlled by push button. New controller employs unbreakable mercury switches (fully described in Jan. 1937 item). *Electric Switch Corp., 1307 Union St., Columbus, Indiana.*

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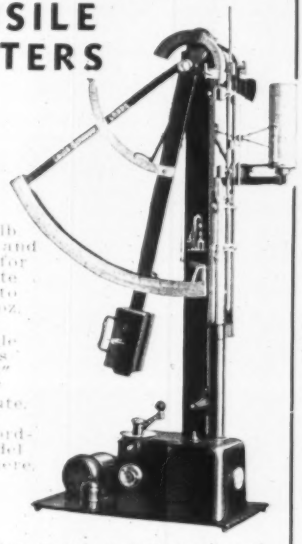

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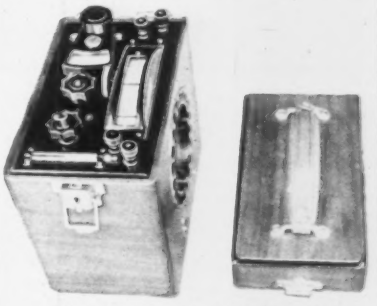

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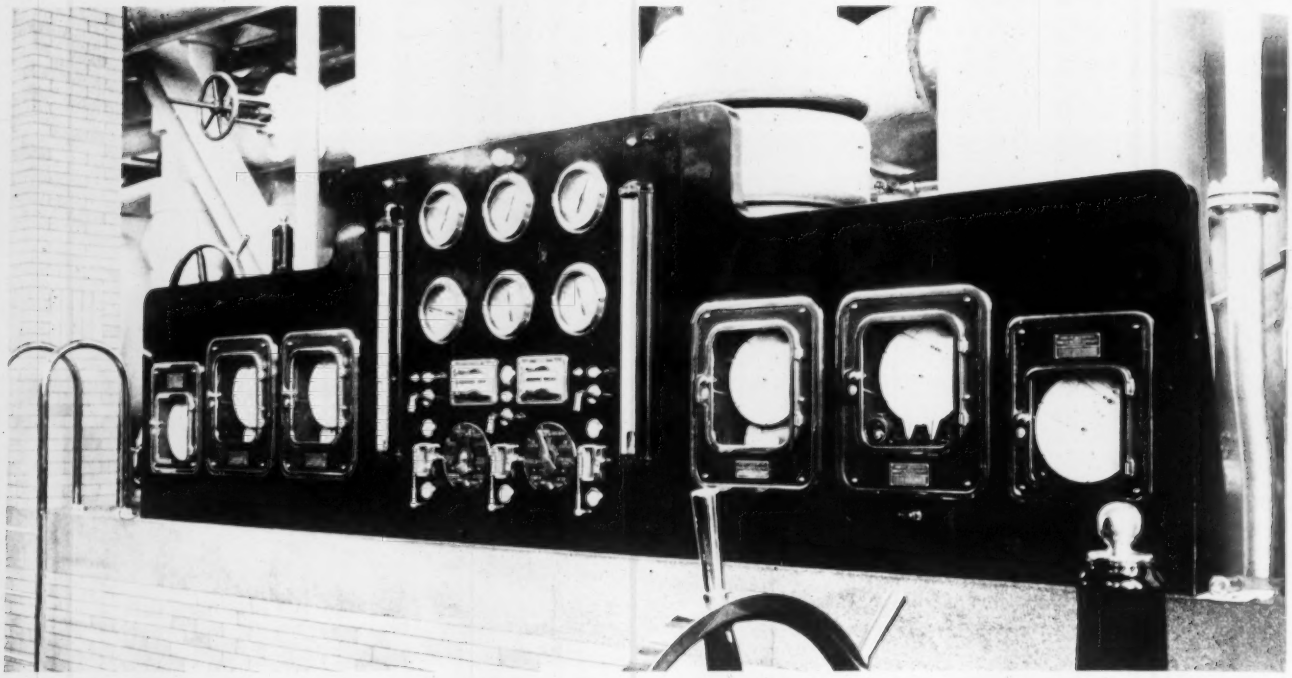

Fig. 1. Control Board for Nos. 1 & 2 Turbines

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Third Article on No. 1 Power Plant Instrumentation By W.M.A

IN the first two articles the writer described the instrumentation related to steam generation, from combustion control to the boiler feed problem and boiler accessories. Following a logical itinerary, we now take you to the turbo-generator room where steam is first utilized. This room, when the July issue of *Instruments* goes to press, will be a scene of unusual activity, for we will then be installing the condenser unit for Nos. 7 and 8 turbines: the third 110,000-kw. machine. This will give us a total of 345,000 kw. However, for descriptive purposes, there is variety enough in our three main control boards on the five turbines now in operation.

INSTRUMENTATION OF NO. 1-2 UNIT

THE control board (Fig. 1) for the No. 1-2 110,000-kw. unit (Fig. 2) includes meters for recording and totalizing the flow of steam and condensate, recorders and gages for recording and indicating the pressures and temperatures of the steam at important points throughout the unit, and a recorder for recording the temperature of the air leaving the generator air coolers. Also included on the panel board are instruments indicating the electrical load on the unit and the speed of the machine. In addition to measuring instruments there are signals to condenser pit and main switchboard, and signal alarms denoting excessive generator air temperatures and low oil pressures. For protection against damage due to failure of any part of the unit the panel board includes safety switches for instantaneous closing of the valves in the steam lines to the unit.

Steam Meters. All the steam generated by No. 1 and No. 3 boilers is consumed by the No. 1-2 110,000-kw. unit. The steam flows from these two boilers discharge into a common header, and from this header run two 10" supply lines feeding the turbine (see diagram on page 166, last month's article). One line enters the steam chest on the north side, the other on the south side. These two lines being dimensionally equal, supplied from a common header and discharging into the same steam chest, steam flows through both are equal at all times that valves are open. Two multi-function fluid meters record and totalize the steam supplied to the high pressure turbine. In each steam meter the flow mechanism is operated by the differential pressure across an orifice in the pipe line, acting on a mercury-sealed Ledoux bell, which is so shaped that its vertical movement is proportional to rate of flow (square root extraction). All steam meters record in pounds per hour on 12" round charts with 24-hour rotation period.

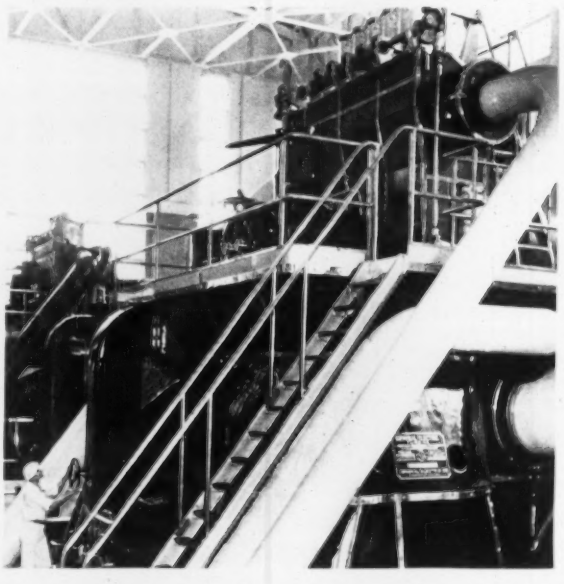

Fig. 2. Nos. 1 & 2 110,000-kw. Turbo-generators (3 & 4 in background)

Generator Air Temperature Recorder. This instrument records the temperature of the air leaving the upper and lower generator air cooler. Its pen-arm is driven by a helical tube coil connected by a copper capillary to a cylindrical bulb, the whole system charged with nitrogen gas under initial pressure. This recorder

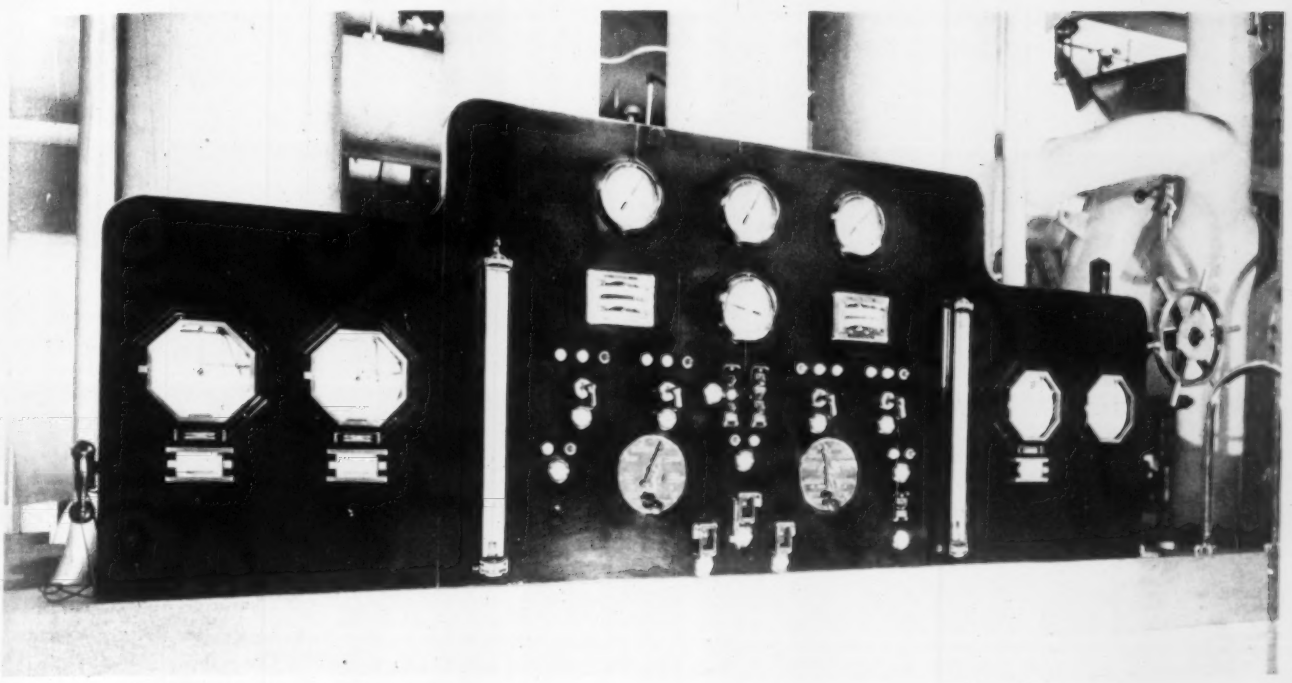

Fig. 3. Control Board for Nos. 3 & 4 Turbines

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also contains two electric contact-making devices for operating relays to alarm signals when the generator air temperature reaches a predetermined maximum.

Steam Pressure Recorder. This recorder is equipped with three pressure units, recording pressures at: (1) inlet to high-pressure turbine; (2) pressure out of high pressure turbine; (3) inlet to low pressure turbine.

Condensate Flow Meter. This instrument records and totalizes the volume of condensate discharged from the condenser. Its principles have been explained above.

Pressure Gages. (1) main header steam pressure; (2) valve chest steam pressure; (3) primary admission steam pressure; (4) first stage steam pressure; (5) discharge to pre-heater; (6) admission to low pressure unit; (7) mercury-column vacuum gage. All but this last are of the Bourdon type, of the highest grade.

Signal to Switchboard. This is a Selsyn-operated system used by the engineer on the turbine and the operator on the switchboard (upstairs) to convey to each other their exact procedure in starting up or stopping a turbo-generator.

No. 1 Throttle Trip—North. In case of damage to the north supply line, such as bursting of a line, breaking of valve at turbine, this line may be isolated by shutting off the steam to it by throwing this trip.

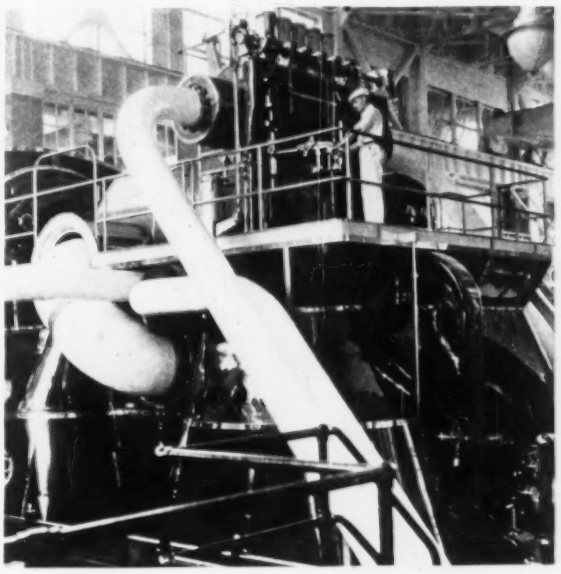

Fig. 4. Nos. 3 & 4 Turbo-generators, 110,000 kw., condensing.

No. 2 Throttle Trip—South. Same as the preceding.

Master Trip. By throwing this trip both north and south throttle stop valves are closed completely throttling off the steam supply to turbine.

Signal to Condenser Pit. This is another Selsyn-operated signal system. It is used by the operation on the turbine floor and the operators in the condenser pit to convey to one another in advance their next step in starting or stopping the unit, so that each will be prepared to act accordingly.

Miscellaneous. Also on the board are a mercurial barometer, a load indicator and a speed indicator.

INSTRUMENTATION OF NO. 3-4 UNIT

FUNCTIONALLY similar to its mate but different in interesting details noted below, the panel board (Fig. 3) for No. 3-4 (Fig. 4) 110,000-kw. unit includes meters and instruments for recording and totalizing the flow of steam and condensate; recording and indicating steam pressures and temperatures at important points; recording the temperature of the air leaving the upper and lower generator air coolers; indicating the electrical load on the unit, the speed of the machine; signals to condenser pit and to switchboard; alarm signals for excessive generator air temperatures and low oil pressure; and three safety switches for instantaneous closing of the valves in the steam lines leading to the unit.

Steam Meters. Two steam lines supply steam to No. 3-4 (see last month's diagram), therefore two steam meters are necessary to record the flow of steam to the

unit. Since the steam in these two lines is supplied from the same manifold and discharges into the same steam chest, these lines, too, like those to the No. 1-2 unit, have equal steam flows. The steam meters differ from those on the No. 1-2 board in that they are electrical rather than mechanical. In each, the primary element is a flow nozzle and the secondary element a mercury manometer which varies an electric current. This electrical method of measurement obviates the need of floats, levers, gears or stuffing boxes. The low pressure side of the U tube is a contact chamber in which there are a number of overhanging steel rods of varying lengths placed above the mercury column, so that as the mercury rises it makes contact with one conductor after another. These are the terminals of a calibrated rheostat governing the flow of current to the receiving instruments on the panel board. These two meters record and totalize the flow of steam to the turbine, and each has a second pen for recording the steam pressure.

Condensate Flow Meter. This meter records and totalizes the flow of condensate discharged from the unit. It also has two helical-element thermal systems recording the temperature of the steam before and after it enters the high-pressure turbine.

Generator Air Temperature Recorder. This instrument records the temperatures of the upper and lower generator air coolers. It employs nitrogen-filled helical-element systems like the one on No. 1-2 board. It likewise is equipped with two electric contact devices actuating relays to alarm signals when the air temperature reaches a pre-determined maximum.

Gate Valve Equalizer for No. 3-4 Unit. If due to some mishap it becomes necessary to shut down No. 5 boiler (which supplies this unit with steam) and it is desirable to keep this unit (3-4) in service, it could be accomplished by opening the equalizer valve admitting steam to the turbine from No. 1-3 boiler which carry the same operating pressure.

Gate Valve Equalizer for No. 1-2 Unit. Should it ever become necessary to shut down Nos. 1 and 3 boilers (which supply No. 1-2 unit with steam) for continuity of service an equalizer valve could be opened admitting steam to No. 1-2 unit from No. 5 boiler which has the same operating pressure but carries a higher steam temperature, so it becomes necessary to de-superheat this steam to obtain the proper steam temperature.

South Gate Valve Control. Should it become necessary to shut off the steam supply through the south line, tripping this switch operates a motor-driven valve closing the main.

North Gate Valve Switch. Same as preceding.

Indicating Lights for South Throttle Valve. This valve switch is equipped with three position lights, each of a different color: (1) Blue—valve in closed position; (2) White—power off; (3) Red—valve open.

Indicating Lights for North Throttle Valve. Same.

South Back Stop Valve Switch. This switch controls a valve located in the steam supply line at some distance from the turbine, nearer the steam header. This valve is used more as a double precaution against steam entering the unit while down.

North Valve Switch is identical.

Oil Level Light Indicator. A three-light system, flashing when pre-determined oil levels are reached: (1) Blue—low oil level; (2) White—normal; (3) Red—high.

Switchboard Signal. Same as used on No. 1-2 board.

Condenser Pit Signal. Same principle as on No. 1-2.

Other instrumentation items on this control panel are as follows: Mercury column vacuum gage, turbine speed indicator, throttle steam pressure gage, valve check pressure gage, first stage pressure gage, primary admission gage, polyphase wattmeter, mercury column barometer and thermometer, spill-over stop valve switch, emergency trip for back stop valve, generator air temperature alarm switch, oil temperature lights.

This makes a total of twenty-seven instruments, signals, etc., on this board.

INSTRUMENTATION OF NO. 5 15,000-KW. UNIT

THE panel board for No. 5 non-condensing turbine-generator includes instrumentation for recording and totalizing the flow of steam; indicating and recording the pressures and temperatures of the steam at important points throughout the unit; indicating and recording the temperature of the air leaving the generator air cooler; indicating the electrical load on the unit and the turbine speed. Also signal to switchboard, and signals denoting excessive generator air temperatures and low oil pressures. For protection against damage due to failure of the unit, the panel board includes safety switches for instantaneous closing of the valves in the steam lines to the unit. Inasmuch as the principal instruments on this unit are of the electrical type and similar to No. 3-4 110,000-kw. unit, no attempt will be made to describe them but references will be made to principles of operation described earlier in this article. To itemize the board let us proceed as follows:

Pressure gages: (1) Throttle steam pressure; (2) First stage steam pressure; (3) Exhaust steam pressure. I believe it sufficient to say that the gages used throughout the entire high-pressure system are of the finest obtainable. All are of the Bourdon type.

Speed indicator. Electrically-operated instrument.

Polyphase Wattmeter. Electrically-operated, single element, 60-cycle, range 0-24 megawatts.

Steam Flow Meters. Electric type, similar to those on No. 3-4. Included are two temperature systems recording on the same chart the temperatures of the steam entering and leaving the turbine.

Switchboard Signal. Similar to those on the other turbine control boards.

Back Pressure Governor Control. A push button switch, controlling a motor-operated valve in engine exhaust steam line at the evaporators.

Gate Valve Control 20" Exhaust Switch. This switch is remote control on a motor-operated valve to open and close gate valve in engine exhaust line. It is equipped with three lights, denoting the position of valve: (1) Blue—valve closed; (2) White—power off; (3) Red—valve open.

Stop Valve Trip Switch, with glass cover, lock, hammer and chain. This switch is for emergency tripping of back stop valve in steam supply line.

Gate Valve, Exhaust Line. We have remote control on gate valve in exhaust line by push button switch. This switch is also equipped with lights indicating valve position.

Oil Level Indicator Lights. This system consists of three lights: (1) Blue—low level; (2) White—normal operating level; (3) Red—high oil level.

Indicator Lights for Throttle Valve. A two-light system: (1) Red—valve open; (2) Blue—valve closed.

Exhaust Valve Control Switch. This switch is used to operate motor-driven gate valve in a 4" exhaust line. This 4" line exhausts to atmosphere and is used only during the warm-up period.

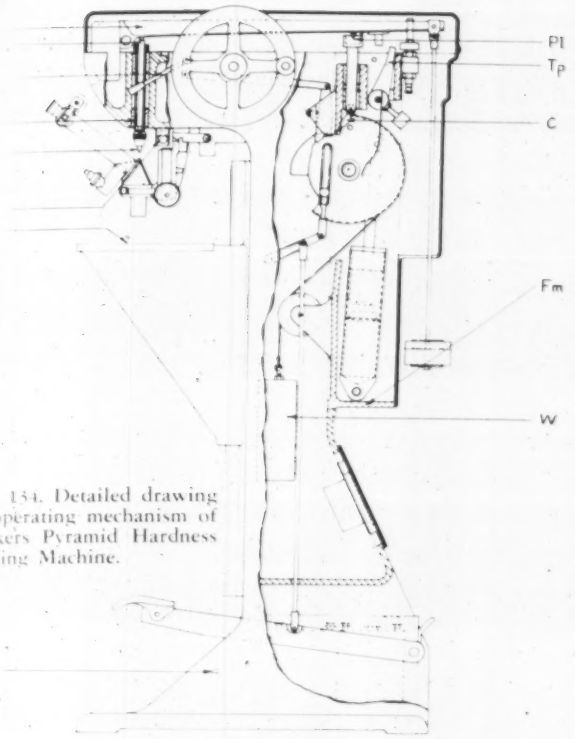

Fig. 134. Detailed drawing of operating mechanism of Vickers Pyramid Hardness Testing Machine.

Fig. 135. The Vickers Diamond Pyramid Indenter Hardness Tester in use. Microscope turned back out of way.

Pyramidal Indenter Hardness Testers

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In Fig. 134 the Vickers machine is shown diagramatically. It consists of a main frame *F* of U section which carries the stage *S* and the lever *L* of 20-to-1 ratio. By means of this lever a load is applied through a thrust rod *Tr* to the indenter *D* at the lower end of the tube *T* which moves up and down freely in a vertical position. Fig. 135 shows the machine in use. The control mechanism is all contained in the smaller section of the frame *Fm*. The plunger *Pl* moves up and down vertically under the influence of a rotating cam *C* which applies and releases the test load. The cam is mounted on a drum and when the starting handle *SH* has been depressed, the whole is rotated by a weight *W* attached by a flexible wire, the speed of rotation being controlled by a piston and dashpot of oil. The mechanism provides for a slow and diminishing rate of application for the last portion of the load. Depression of the foot pedal returns the cam, drum and weight to their original positions. A tripping piece *Tp* supports the beam during the return of cam, drum and weight. The machine is then ready for a new test.

The microscope, for measuring the diagonals of the square impression, reads directly to 0.001 mm. on a large micrometer drum, and measurements at right angles to each other can be takea without moving the testpiece. Fig. 136 shows an Amsler-Vickers machine in which the measurement of a diagonal is being performed. There are three knife edges in the eye-piece, one of which is fixed, another movable by means of a micrometric screw connected to a counting mechanism, while a third is provided for rapid readings to specified limits. The left-hand corner of the impression, as it appears through the microscope, is set by means of centering screws to correspond with the left-hand or fixed knife edge, while the knife edge controlled by the micrometer screw is then adjusted to correspond with the right-hand corner of the impression, the whole then appearing as shown in Fig. 137.

In cases where the work has to be tested with a view to ascertaining whether it conforms to specified maximum and minimum limits of hardness, a third knife edge is brought into use. This third knife edge is set by means of special screws to correspond with the smaller dimension, *i.e.*, the maximum limit of hardness, while the knife

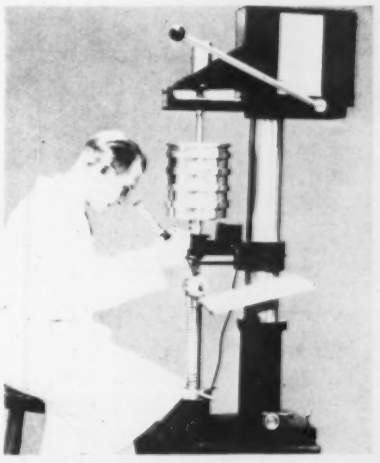


Fig. 136. The Amsler-Vickers machine, Type No. Di H 194. The operator is shown measuring an indentation in a milling cutter; the measurement is made without changing the position of the test-piece, after the test-load is automatically lifted at the end of the adjustable test-cycle. (H. A. Holz, New York)

Fig. 137. The area of the imprint is obtained from measurements on the diagonals of the square.

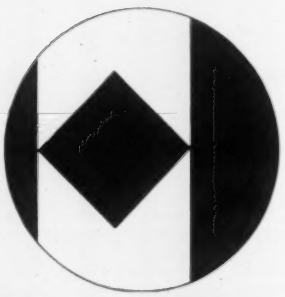
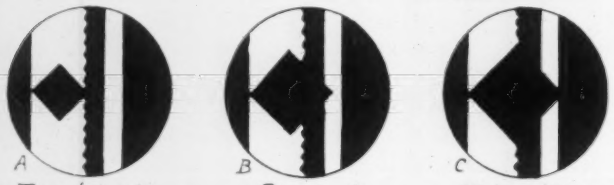


Fig. 138. Use of microscope in checking the upper and lower limits of the hardness specified in a given grade of steel. Vickers Pyramid Hardness Testing Machine.



edge controlled by the micrometer screw is adjusted to correspond with the larger dimension, *i.e.*, the minimum limit of hardness. Having made the settings of the second and third knife edges in this manner it is only necessary, when making an observation, to set the fixed knife edge to the left hand corner of the impression in the ordinary way. If the right hand corner of the impression appears between the second and third knife edges as shown in *B*, Fig. 138, then the material has the proper hardness for the range indicated. In Fig. 138, *A* shows a material too hard to pass inspection, while *C* is what one observes when the material is too soft and must be rejected.

In the Vickers machine the duration of the load is controlled automatically and is always applied and removed in exactly the same manner. Errors due to inertia and momentum are therefore eliminated. This machine may also be used with a ball indenter and thus give regular Brinell impressions.

The Amsler-Vickers machine has another advantage in that the point, at which the indenter contacts the surface of the material to be tested, may be thrown on a ground glass screen directly in front of the operator. The lengths of the diagonals may be read directly, which adds to the rapidity and convenience of operation, and at the same time facilitates the correct performance of the test. This form of the Vickers is shown in Fig. 139.

The "Diamo-Brinell" Hardness Tester, Fig. 140, has a diamond pyramid indenter. It is put out by the Pittsburgh Instrument and Machine Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. Fig. 140 shows how, by means of a system of weights and levers, a load is being applied to the indenter in order to measure the hardness of a milling machine cutter. The microscope for measuring the diagonals of the square impression is turned to one side so as to be out of the way.

An important feature of any hardness tester is that the load be applied slowly and uniformly and always in the same way. This is accomplished automatically in the Pittsburgh instrument.

Inasmuch as this machine is another American version of the English Vickers instrument, it will be found that the operation is quite similar to that of the Vickers machine. All testers of this type are designed for measuring a wide range of hardness and all are suitable for measuring the hardness of thin materials. The Diamo-Brinell testing machine has found a wide use in the shops of the U. S. Navy.

Messrs. Thomas Firth and John Brown, Ltd., of Sheffield, England, put out a hardness tester (the Firth Hardometer) which also makes use of a diamond pyramid indenter with an angle of 136° between opposite faces as was used in the Vickers machine. This tester is also arranged to use a steel ball indenter if desired.

The load is applied by means of a handwheel through a specially calibrated spiral spring. When the correct load has been imposed a trip mechanism removes the load and the dimension of the imprint may then be measured by means of a microscope. The machine operates on the Brinell principle, that is, it makes an indentation and then measures the diameter of a circular imprint or the diagonal of a square imprint.

The Firth Hardometer works with light loads and so the imprints are not deep. It is intended primarily for measuring the hardness of nitrided surfaces, thin sheets and small objects.

Tinius Olsen Testing Machine Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., also puts out a Hardometer, similar to the one just described. Fig. 141 shows this Olsen machine.

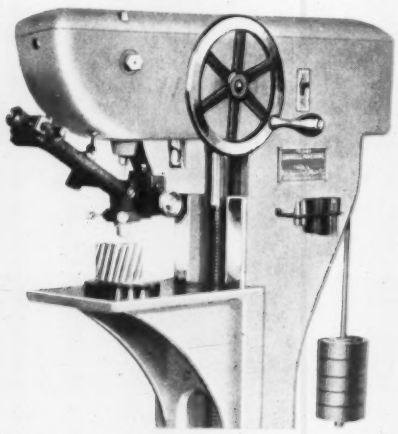


Fig. 139. Reflex-Vickers Hardness Tester. (H. A. Holz, New York)
Fig. 140. The "Diamo-Brinell." (Pittsburgh Instrument & Machine Co.)

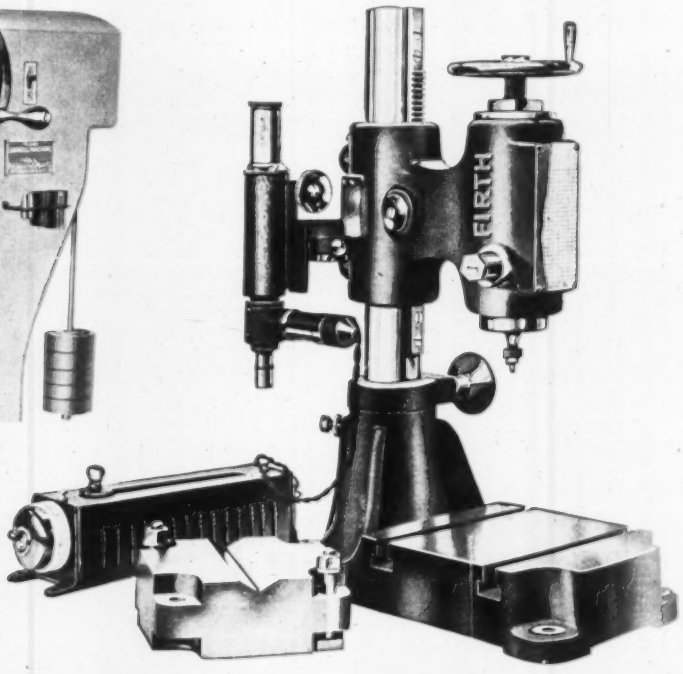


Fig. 141. The Firth Hardometer. American model (Tinius Olsen)

THE MONTH'S NEW INSTRUMENTS

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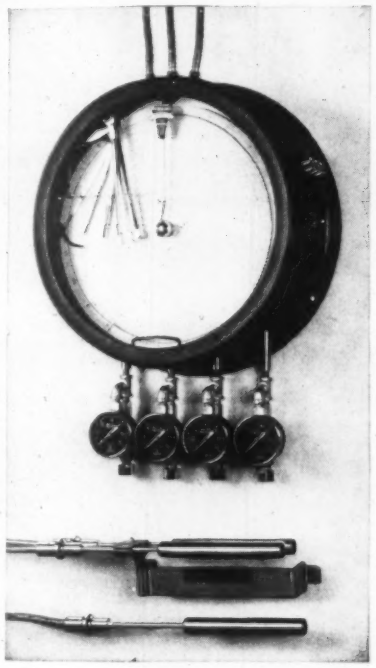
Multiple Zone Control For Dry Kiln Operation

A new multiple zone control unit, particularly adapted for long kilns, automatically provides even heat and humidity over entire kiln length. Essentially a Triplex controller, unit has three bulbs, three complete thermal systems, three set pointers and three control heads. It provides individual temperature control at each end of the kiln by two separate dry bulb systems; the third, or wet bulb, is used for humidity control of the entire kiln. All three temperatures are recorded continuously on one chart. In progressive kilns, new controller can be applied to control, recording the temperature in all three zones. For fan kilns of reversing type, twin dry bulbs are connected to each control system, the control always being operated from the hotter of the two bulbs. Damper control can also be supplied with this instrument so that, if humidity continues to rise after spray is shut off, controller will open a damper. *The Foxboro Company, 56 Neponset Ave., Foxboro, Mass.*



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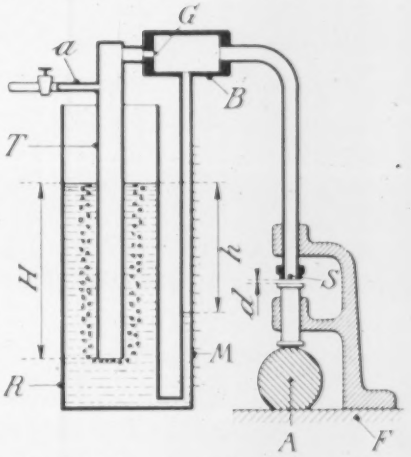

a fixed jet to an air chamber and then to an arrangement of outlet orifices depending on application. Pressure in air chamber, indicated on a vertical manometer integral with instrument, is a function of size of outlet orifice or amount of air escaping through it. When diameters are measured, outlet orifices are disposed on diameter of a plug which fits into the bore. Difference in size between this plug and the bore being measured is amplified several thousand times on the micrometer scale. Areas of orifices up to 0.07" are measured directly without accessories. When external diameters, thickness, and length are measured, a valve-and-stem device is used. It is said that measurements are accurate to 0.00003", require no experience on part of operator. *The Pneumatic Gage Co., Shoreham Bldg., Washington, D. C.*

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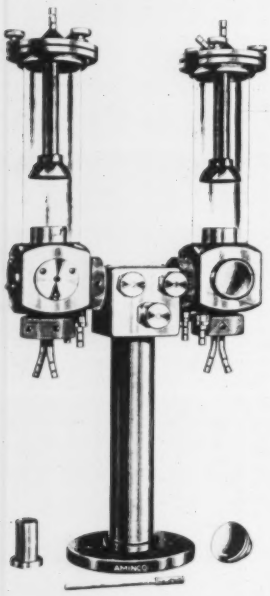

ation for diffraction and crystal structure study, metallurgy, and chemical x-ray analysis. It is available in single- and double-tube units, each tube being provided with three windows; thus three or six radiographs are obtainable independently or simultaneously. A new powder spectrum camera for use with the new tubes is also announced. — *American Instrument Co., 8010 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.*

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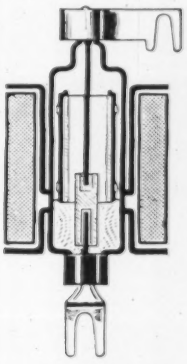
Mercury Plunger Relays

"Vertex Non-tilting Vertical Mercury Relay" has all moving parts sealed in glass, operates noiselessly and more quickly than mercury switches requiring tilting. Regular model (illustrated) consists of vertical tube containing steel plunger floating on mercury bath. Tube is surrounded by solenoid, which,



energized, pulls plunger downward, thereby raising level of mercury so that it makes contact with upper electrode (see diagram). Another model has a light armature (instead of a cylindrical plunger) bridging two mercury pools; it is designed for high frequencies of operation. Sizes and models for wide ranges of capacities and of operating speeds. — *E. Leeweaberg, 10 E. 20th St., New York City.*

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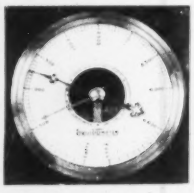

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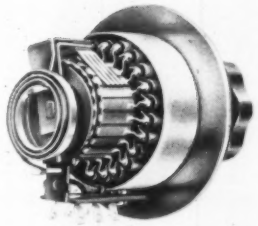

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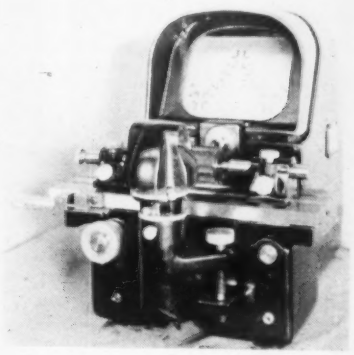

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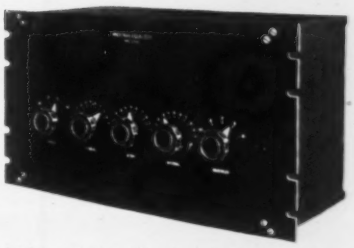

teristics of circuits for transmission and amplification of speech and music, especially discontinuous service lines not justifying installation of a fixed equalizer network. On low side, equalization at 25, 50 or 100 cycles can be controlled throughout a range of 0 to 25 db in eleven steps; same type of control on high side for 5, 7, 8 or 10 kc.; also an 11-step, 30 db master attenuator which controls insertion loss at 800 cycles and determines maximum available equalization. The five controls on panel enable quick adjustment to any one of 15,972 inverse frequency characteristics. Unit is designed for operation to +20 db; offers a nearly constant impedance of 500 ohms without introducing appreciable harmonic distortion. Panel permits mounting on a standard 19" relay rack. *American Transformer Co., 178 Emmet St., Newark, N. J.*

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